



# Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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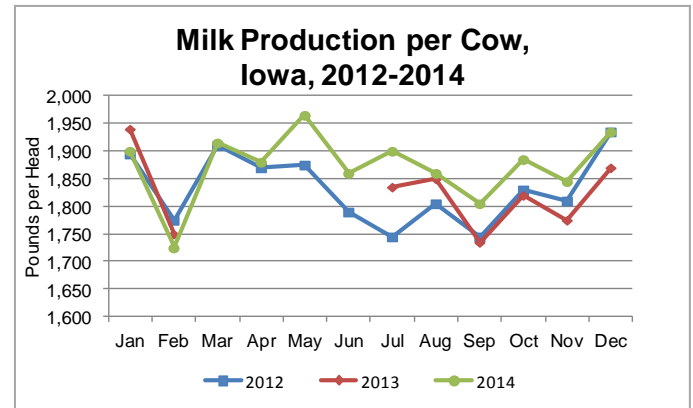
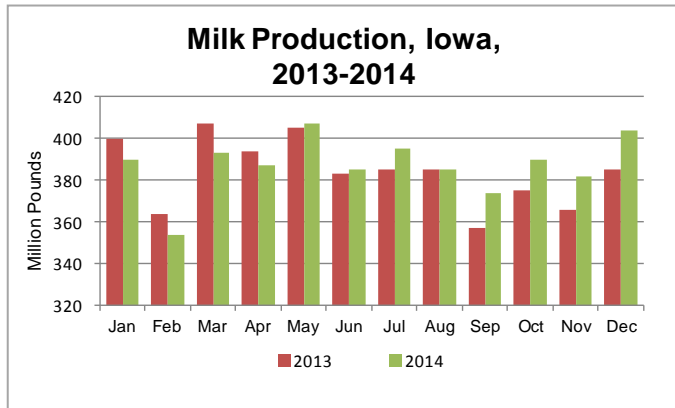
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**Milk production** in Iowa during December 2014 totaled 404 million pounds, up 5 percent from December 2013 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during December, at 209,000 head, was up 2,000 from last month, and 3,000 more than a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,935 pounds in December 2014, up 65 pounds from last December. This is tied with 2012 for the highest December milk per cow for Iowa on record, and is the highest December milk production since 1967.



## Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, December 2013 and 2014

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	Change from 2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona .....	191	194	1,985	2,040	379	396	4.5
California .....	1,781	1,780	1,950	1,950	3,473	3,471	-0.1
Colorado .....	140	145	2,055	2,115	288	307	6.6
Florida .....	123	124	1,600	1,650	197	205	4.1
Idaho .....	565	579	1,960	1,980	1,107	1,146	3.5
Illinois .....	96	94	1,630	1,650	156	155	-0.6
Indiana .....	178	180	1,820	1,865	324	336	3.7
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Kansas .....	136	143	1,845	1,870	251	267	6.4
Michigan .....	380	402	2,020	2,060	768	828	7.8
Minnesota .....	460	460	1,665	1,705	766	784	2.3
New Mexico .....	323	323	2,050	2,060	662	665	0.5
New York .....	613	615	1,820	1,890	1,116	1,162	4.1
Ohio .....	267	268	1,680	1,710	449	458	2.0
Oregon .....	124	125	1,675	1,655	208	207	-0.5
Pennsylvania .....	530	530	1,675	1,730	888	917	3.3
South Dakota .....	95	98	1,815	1,870	172	183	6.4
Texas .....	440	470	1,820	1,870	801	879	9.7
Utah .....	94	96	1,820	1,940	171	186	8.8
Vermont .....	132	132	1,650	1,705	218	225	3.2
Virginia .....	94	93	1,600	1,630	150	152	1.3
Washington .....	266	277	1,955	1,970	520	546	5.0
Wisconsin .....	1,270	1,274	1,805	1,855	2,292	2,363	3.1
<b>23-State Total .....</b>	<b>8,504</b>	<b>8,611</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,886</b>	<b>15,741</b>	<b>16,242</b>	<b>3.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves

# United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 16.2 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from December 2013. November revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from November 2013. The November revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,886 pounds for December, 35 pounds above December 2013. This is the highest production per cow for the month of December since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States for December, was 8.61 million head, 107,000 head more than December 2013, and 16,000 head more than November 2014.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 50.9 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.28 million head, 16,000 head more than the July - September quarter, and 83,000 head more than the same period last year.

